

Coming Soon !!!

Montana's Safe Routes to School Program

The Safe Routes to School Program will provide support for both behavioral and infrastructure investments that make biking and walking to school a safer and more attractive alternative for students in kindergarten through middle school (K–8). The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will launch the Montana Safe Routes to School Program late this summer.

Purpose

- To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school.
- To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age.

Safe Routes to School funding may be used within two miles of K–8 schools for the following purposes:

- Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements.
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Community assessments of walking/bicycling facilities and programs.
- Public awareness campaigns and outreach.
- Development of community action plans.
- Traffic education and enforcement.
- Student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health, and environment.
- Safe Routes to School training.
- Tracking and performance monitoring.

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What is Safe Routes to School? Safe Routes to School programs all share one common goal — to improve the health of kids and the community by making walking and bicycling to school safer, easier, and more enjoyable.

Who does it involve? Parents, children, community members, school staff, traffic engineers, city planners, law enforcement officers, community leaders, and many others.

What do they do? They assess the safety of travel routes, propose changes such as building sidewalks and paths, educate students and drivers about safe travel, and encourage walking and biking to school.

For additional information on Safe Routes to School:

- Call 1-877-935-SAFE (7233).
- Visit the national Safe Routes to School Clearinghouse at www.saferoutesinfo.org.
- Check out MDT's home page for upcoming information on the Safe Routes to School Program launch this summer at www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/saferoutes.

Community Transportation Enhancement Program:

Did you know that MDT's Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) provides an average of \$2.7 million annually for bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Montana communities? This is more than five times the amount available for these facilities through the Safe Routes to School Program. For information on CTEP contact:

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